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SUBJECT: PROSPECTIVE MIDDLE EASTERN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
TO SRI LANKA

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1. ONLY ADDITIONAL ITEM YOU MIGHT RAISE WITH PRIME
MINISTER BANDARANAIKE IS REPORTED KUWAITI/IRANIAN AID TO
SRI LANKA. AUGUST 25 NEW YORK TIMES QUOTES OFFICIAL
SOURCES IN COLOMBO SAYING 100 MILLION DOLS. WILL BE
FORTHCOMING FROM TWO COUNTRIES. ARTICLE STATES KUWAIT
HAS ALREADY TRANSFERRED 21 MILLION DOLS. UNDER 8 PERCENT
INTEREST LOAN AND THAT 29 MILLION DOLS. WILL BE
AVAILABLE NEXT YEAR ON SAME TERMS. ARTICLE SAYS IRAN
IS EXPECTED TO OFFER 40-50 MILLION DOLS.

2. YOU CAN INDICATE TO PRIME MINISTER THAT U.S. IS HAPPY
OVER PROSPECT OF AID FROM OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES. WE
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DETAILS SHE WANTS TO PROVIDE.

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3. WE ARE STILL WORKING ON POSSIBILITY OF PRESIDENTIAL
MESSAGE IN TIME FOR YOUR MEETING; WILL ADVISE SEPTTEL. KISSINGER

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